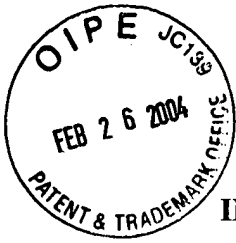


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Michael E. Rickey et al.

Application No.: 09/942,631

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Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740, under Docket No. 000166.0112-US00. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0740.

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Respectfully submitted,

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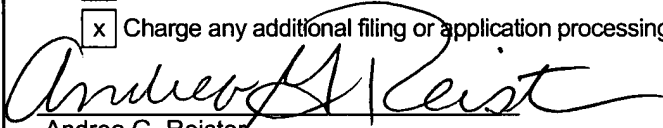
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2003 (Paper No. 12042003), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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